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**Mr. Gerard P. Burke
President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
Room 297
Executive Office Building**

Dear Gerry:

The attached study, "Intelligence Planning Guidance for the 1970s", prepared by the NIPE Staff, has been approved by the Director of Central Intelligence and has been distributed to the USIB and the NIRE as an expression of the DCI views in his community and coordinating role. This final version reflects comments received from all major agencies and offices of the U. S. intelligence community following dissemination of the preliminary draft.

This analysis of the national and international environment and of the implications which these hold for U. S. intelligence operations and the management of intelligence resources during the coming decade is intended for use as a tool to assist planning and resource allocation both within the individual agencies and in the community as a whole.

The study is not directive in nature and the proposed follow-on actions listed on pages iii-v will need to be authenticated by appropriate directives or requests for action addressed by the Director of Central Intelligence to the responsible organization or agency. It is recognized that action on some of these projects should be deferred since the described problem areas would be affected by

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implementation of recommendations contained in the recent "Report to the President and the Secretary of Defense on the Department of Defense" by the Blue Ribbon Defense Panel.

The original study attached hereto was written on an all-source basis since this was considered essential for a comprehensive examination of the problem areas. A copy of the sanitized version for use on a TOP SECRET non-codeword basis also is attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ John A. Bross

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